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SUBJ: EMPEROR'S VISIT: ADVANCE PARTY'S VISIT

FOR AMB CATTO, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, FROM AMB HODGSON

1. JAPAN'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL UCHIDA, ARRIVING IN U.S. WITH ADVANCE PARTY TO WORK OUT SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER EMPEROR VISIT, CONCERNED THAT AMERICAN SIDE MAY NOT WHOLLY APPRECIATE PARTY'S DESIRE TO CONCLUDE A HIGHLY DETAILED PLAN AND SCHEDULE SO FAR IN ADVANCE OF VISIT DATE. I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH UCHIDA IN DEVELOPING CONCEPT OF VISIT AND BELIEVE IT WELL WORTH THE TIME AND EFFORT TO GO DEEPLY INTO THE SUBJECT AT THIS TIME. EXPERIENCE HERE INDICATES JAPANESE NOT LIKELY TO REQUIRE MANY INTERIM REVISIONS IN AGREED-TO ARRANGEMENTS. A SIMILAR FAR-IN-ADVANCE DETAILED PLANNING APPROACH SERVED WELL FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH'S VISIT HERE.

2. JAPANESE SIDE EAGER TO WORK OUT A VISIT PATTERN THAT WILL SHOW AN EMPEROR AND EMPRESS WHO REFLECT BOTH PERSONAL DIGNITY AND HUMAN WARMTH.

3. THANKS FOR BEING HELPFUL ON THIS PROJECT.
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